



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month

WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (HSCADV) formed in 1980, is a coalition of programs responding to the problem of spouse abuse in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (HSCADV) is comprised of the directors of spouse abuse shelters and psycho-educational counseling programs for victims and perpetrators of spouse abuse on each of the islands; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (HSCADV) understands that domestic violence does not discriminate between individuals, and people from various ethnic, educational and social backgrounds can all be affected by senseless acts of violence; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (HSCADV) realizes that currently in 2011, there have been two deaths and many injuries in Hawai'i associated with domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (HSCADV) supports the nine domestic violence shelters in Hawai'i, and raises awareness about the valuable domestic violence services provided on every island; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (HSCADV) will recognize **Domestic Violence Awareness Month** throughout the month of October, 2011; this year's theme "Who Can? You Can! Stop Domestic Violence" focuses on the "bystander," empowering individuals to help shift attitudes and beliefs that perpetuate domestic violence, and highlights the reality that preventing domestic violence is everybody's business;

THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2011 as

"DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH"

in Hawai'i and urge the people of the Aloha State to support the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence and its goals of raising awareness about domestic violence.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-ninth day of September, 2011.


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i


BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i